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## **What's New in New Hampshire Winter 2013**

### ***Ski Resort Improvements***

**Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center, Pinkham Notch, NH** - First time season pass holders are being offered a 50% discount to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Kids under 18 will ski free with a parent or guardian season pass holder all winter long, while helping to support the national "No Child Left Inside" program. Adult \$70; Junior (6-12yrs) \$40; Teen (13-17yrs) \$47.50; Senior (62+ yrs) \$47.50. In addition, all Great Glen Trails season pass holders are also entitled to \$5 tickets at Bretton Woods and Jackson Ski Touring through December 31st. <http://www.greatglentrails.com/>.

**Waterville Valley, Waterville Valley, NH** – The U.S. Forest Service has granted Waterville Valley Resort a long-term special use permit allowing for the first major expansion of the ski area in over 30 years. Over the next few years the terrain will be developed on Green Peak, southeast of Mount Tecumseh, and will include construction of about 44 acres of ski trails, glades and a high-speed detachable quad chairlift. <http://www.waterville.com>.

**Ragged Mountain, Danbury, NH** - A new tubing park and expanded learning terrain highlight Ragged Mountain's investments. The new tubing park is over 650-feet in length, with ten lanes. Ragged also purchased an additional eight new low energy/high efficiency snowmaking fan guns, two new carpet lifts, and two new snow groomers. <http://www.raggedmountainresort.com>.

**Gunstock Mountain Resort, Gilford, NH** - Gunstock added a terrain based learning center that will utilize a variety of terrain to duplicate what skiers and riders will experience once out on the main mountain. As part of the construction new snowmaking and lighting were added along with extensive earthwork and the extension of the surface lift. Other improvements include a new snow cat for grooming, and snowmaking and trail improvements. <http://www.gunstock.com>.

**Attitash Mountain Resort, Bartlett, NH** - Increased snow-making capability and added inventory to ski rental fleet. Additionally, 8 new rail and box elements will be added to the Abenaki children's terrain park. <http://www.attitash.com/>.

**Wildcat Mountain, Pinkham Notch, NH** - Upgraded snowmaking and added new Ski Patrol building. <http://www.skiwildcat.com/>.

**Pats Peak, Henniker, NH** - New triple chairlift installed as part of Cascade Basin Expansion. Additionally, 4 new ski trails and a new glade added. Installation of 6 additional snowmaking fan guns and an electrical capacity upgrade to improve output. New skis, snowboards and ski boots added to ski shop inventory. Geothermal heating added to the base lodge and on walkways. <http://www.patspeak.com/>.

**Cranmore Mountain Resort, North Conway, NH** - Added new snow groomer to its grooming fleet. Snowmaking capabilities upgraded with 45 new snowguns. New rental equipment added to ski shop. <http://www.cranmore.com/>.

**Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH** - Two new pumps added, increasing snowmaking capacity by 40%. Added 100 semi-automated snowmaking hydrants and 15 snowguns. The Burton Lil' Stash children's terrain park will double in size by adding new berms, rollers, jumps, and fun animal carvings. <http://www.loonmtn.com/>.

**Mount Sunapee, Newbury, NH** - 52 new snowguns added. New equipment added to the rental fleet. Two new loops added to the Aerial Challenge Course. <http://www.mountsunapee.com>.

**Granite Gorge, Keene, NH** - New downhill and cross country ski trails and glades added. Snowmaking fans will be added. Portable stage is being constructed for special events. Two new parking lots will be in place with one offering front row "beach layout spaces". A new drop off area and round-about will be located adjacent to the lodge. <http://summer.granitegorge.com/>.

**Bretton Woods, Bretton Woods, NH** - Additional Nordic terrain is being added. Canopy tour has been expanded with 4 new zip lines adding 1,000 more feet. [http://brettonwoods.com/winter\\_sports/alpine/overview](http://brettonwoods.com/winter_sports/alpine/overview).

**Black Mountain, Jackson, NH** - Overhaul of snowmaking equipment. Major chairlift maintenance. <http://www.blackmt.com/>.

**Jackson XC, Jackson, NH** - A new grooming vehicle and low snow grooming implements. <http://www.jacksonxc.org/>.

**Windblown XC, New Ipswich, NH** - New snowmobile and snow bucket for the tractor to go along with trail improvements. The rental fleet is being upgraded, replacing half of the skis with brand-new equipment. <http://windblownxc.com/>.

### ***Attractions***

**Mount Washington Cog Railway, Mount Washington** - Now has an extended season open through New Year's Day with events themed for the November and December holidays. <http://www.thecog.com>.

**Mount Washington Observatory Summit Museum, Mount Washington** - Will open "Extreme Mount Washington" for the 2014 season. It will be an interactive museum that brings a taste of the winter extreme weather to visitors that come spring through fall. NH's most visited museum is at the summit of New England's highest peak that draws over 100k visitors each year. Groups can reach the summit by riding on the Cog Railway or by arranging to ride in guided stage coaches on the Auto Road. <http://www.thecog.com>.

### ***Lodging and Restaurants***

**Vida Cantina, Portsmouth, NH** - Vida Cantina is a modern Mexican restaurant using the best local, seasonal and organic ingredients. Vida is a vibrant gathering place where everyone can enjoy life with soulful food and imaginative cocktails in an unpretentious and relaxed environment. <http://vidacantinanh.com/>.

**Leaven Beer and Bread House, Somersworth** - A newly-opened craft beer bar, sourdough bread bakery, and restaurant located in the heart of historic Somersworth at 44 Market Street, Leaven brings the finest ingredients that satisfy the head, heart, and the soul. Visitors to Somersworth will see a brand new wooden clapboard facade with a lit sign featuring the word 'Leaven' glowing from the center of downtown. Pedestrians can peer into the full glass storefront to see all the buzz inside. An historic mosaic tile entryway floor and large handcrafted mahogany door greets customers as they enter. The space is comfortable and simple. Wood and metal textures bring a warm glow to the room. Large mural chalkboards add personality with one featuring a comic flowchart of "Leaven's Guide to Sourdough." <http://www.leavennh.com>.

**LoMo, Portsmouth, NH** – Short for "local movement": collaborative effort to build more locally based, self-reliant food economies - one in which sustainable food production, processing, distribution, and consumption is integrated to enhance the economic, environmental and social health of a particular place. LoMo offers drinks, desserts, brunch and dinner, with vegetarian, vegan, nut free and gluten free menus available upon request. <http://www.lomoportsmouth.com/>.

**Schilling Beer Co, Littleton** – Where innovative science meets continental European brewing traditions in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Microbrewery, riverside taproom, pizzeria. Schilling Beer Co.'s lagers and ales are inspired by centuries-old Belgian, Czech and German beer-making, yet are defined by their modern relevance and creativity. Our gourmet wood-fired pizzas are topped with the freshest ingredients and make the ideal accompaniment to our beer. Schilling is proud to brew world-class lagers and ales for our community and friends. Come visit our craft brewery and riverside taproom in the pristine White Mountains in Littleton (just off Main St). <https://www.facebook.com/schilling.beer>.

**Tavola, Portsmouth, NH** – Portsmouth's newest Italian eatery, Tavola serves pasta and pizza alongside steak, chicken and seafood. <http://tavolaitalian.com/>.

**Hanover Inn, Hanover, NH** - The 108-room Hanover Inn at Dartmouth just finished a comprehensive renovation in three phases: renovations of 94 of 108 rooms and redesigned public spaces, including a casual, full-service restaurant; the Hayward Ballroom with 1,761 sq. ft. of meeting and banquet space; the Inn's signature restaurant, an additional 14 guestrooms, a fitness center and 3,933 sq. ft. state of the art Minary Conference Center. <http://www.hanoverinn.com>.

**Mixteca, Durham, NH** - Authentic Mexican flavors with modern flair. Chef/owner Shannon Bard seems an unlikely Mexican aficionado, but she grew up in Oklahoma with strong ties to south-of-the-border cuisine and offers the only tequila catador in New England, with tastings paired with bontanas. <http://www.mixtecataqueria.com/>.

**The Rosa, Portsmouth, NH** – After being closed for remodeling, The Rosa Restaurant is ready, once again, to welcome its guests. With a newly fashioned open-concept interior, this building—established in 1856—has been structurally remodeled from the inside out while still maintaining the feel and ambiance of what began in 1927. Beside the additions of fresh, homemade pasta and house wine on tap, the menu, as a whole, remains pleasantly familiar. The Rosa Restaurant is Portsmouth's oldest running restaurant (since 1927). <http://www.therosa.com/>.

### **Tours/Events**

**New Suggested Group Itineraries, Statewide** - The New Hampshire Division of Travel & Tourism Development (DTTD) announces two new girl getaway suggested itineraries for groups. *New Hampshire Adventure Girls* features ax throwing, white water rafting or paddle boarding, scotch tasting, canopy tours, and mountain trains. *New Hampshire Bubbles & Bubbles* is for glamor girls and features

activities such as champagne, fine-dining, guest storytellers, wine and paint sessions, crystal cutting, and yoga. Stay tuned for upcoming curriculum based itineraries for student tours. Find all DTTD's group friendly suggested itineraries at <http://www.visitnh.gov/group/itineraries>.

**Vintage Christmas, Portsmouth, NH** - Strawberry Banke Museum + The Music Hall Present Vintage Christmas. There are Candlelight Strolls, Holiday Shows and a free Vintage Christmas Trolley. New this year: Strawberry Banke Museum's new White Apron Café open; Gingerbread House Contest moves to Discover Portsmouth; Pickwick's Mercantile Vintage Christmas cart – on the street and at The Music Hall – filled with all things magical and nostalgic. Throughout December. [www.vintagechristmasnh.org](http://www.vintagechristmasnh.org).

**Seacoast Helicopters, Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH** - Seacoast Helicopters brings helicopter services to the New Hampshire Seacoast and its surrounding areas to student pilots, rated pilots, tourists, charter customers, photographers/film makers and utility companies. Located at Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth NH, they offer new, well-maintained aircraft for individual rental, scenic tours, aerial photography, utility service, and very soon FAA Part 135 Air Taxi/charter services. <http://seacoasthelos.com/>.

**Seacoast New Hampshire Heritage Tours LLC, Stratham, NH** - Seacoast New Hampshire Heritage Tours, LLC, Portsmouth's only personalized driving tour strives to share as much of Portsmouth and the surrounding area's rich and fascinating history as possible with its residents and visitors to the area. There are a few itineraries to choose from including a three hour heritage tour and two hour coastal New Hampshire tour. <http://www.seacoastnhtours.com>.

**Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH** - Music Hall celebrates 135th anniversary with new Secrets, Pirates, Ghosts and Artistic Traditions of The Music Hall - a multi-media Historic Tour. Plus, the hanging of the first chandelier in 65 years at the Music Hall during the Crystal Ball on November 16. The beautiful crystal chandelier, made in the USA by the venerated maker Framburg Lighting, will be unveiled along with matching crystal sconces. <http://www.themusichall.org>.

### ***Culinary***

**JuiceBurger Food Truck, Dover** - New Hampshire's first farm-to-sidewalk food truck offering high quality, made from scratch street food. 100% of their raw materials are sourced from local suppliers and they strive to work with only organic, GMO-free farms. They have a full catering menu and can collaborate to create custom menus. <http://www.juiceburger.com>.

### ***Awards***

**Black Trumpet, Portsmouth, NH** - Adam Richman of Man vs. Food fame named Black Trumpet as one of his top 12 favorite restaurants in the country. This is a man who eats in restaurants for a living! The same day, The New York Times published "36 Hours in Portsmouth" and listed Black Trumpet as their Wine and Dine recommendation for dinner. <http://www.blacktrumpetbistro.com>.

**River House Restaurant, Portsmouth, NH** - Classic New England, Seafood, Contemporary Winner of first-place awards at Portsmouth's Prescott Park Chowder Festival three years running. Voted "Best Chowder in New England" by NECN viewers. <http://www.riverhouse53bow.com>.